

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

FULL BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012

8:35 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Fine, MD – Chair

Patrick C. Barry, Esq. (public member)

Mary Reich Cooper, MD, JD

Margaret Coughlin (public member)

Joan A. Crawley (public member)

Charles Cronin, DO

Richard P. Iacobucci, MD

Noubar Kessimian, MD

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

James V. McDonald, MD, MPH - Chief Administrative Officer

Amy DiFilippo - Administrative Officer

Bruce McIntyre, JD - Legal Counsel

Linda Julian - Board Investigator

LEGAL INTERNS: Lauren Lane, Alysson Gray, Katharine McCarten

GUEST MEMBERS:

Mark Brizard, Helen Drew, Dr. Stephen Fanning, Dr. James Griffin, Dr.

Gary L'Europa, Dr. Elizabeth Nestor, Geni Wild

James Pollard, RN – attended open session only

ABSENT:

Robert E. Baute, MD

Thomas G. Breslin, MD

Norm Chapman, (public member)

Maya Colantuono (public member)

Robert Dinwoodie, DO

1. A quorum was established at 8:50 a.m.

2. On a motion by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Coughlin, it was voted to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2012 Licensing Committee meeting. All were in favor; motion passed.

3. On a motion by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Dr. Kessimian, it was voted to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2012 Full Board Open Session meeting. All were in favor; motion passed.

4. Chief Administrative Officer's Report:

- The departing Board members were recognized for their service to the Board.**

- The newly appointed Board members were introduced and welcomed by the Board and Administrative Staff.**

- **Licensing Committee – volunteers were asked to sit on the Licensing Committee. Said Committee members will be: Dr. Elizabeth Nestor, Dr. James Griffin, and Helen Drew.**

- **Investigating Committee – volunteers were asked to sit on the Investigating Committee. Said committee members will be: Dr. Stephen Fanning, Mark Brizard, and Geni Wild. The new members will join Dr. Robert Baute, an existing Investigating Committee member.**

- **Dr. McDonald reminded the Board members that several positions have terms expiring in 2013. He asked that members keep this in mind for potential future candidates.**

- **Dr. McDonald voiced increasing concerns regarding the management of PHI and Board materials. In addition to the confidentiality concerns, Dr. McDonald reported on the excessive amount of resources used when preparing photo copies of all the cases for the Board members. Therefore, it was announced that moving forward the Board members would receive all necessary information for the meetings on a protected USB flash drive.**

4. Old Business: none

5. New Business:

- **Telemedicine** – Dr. McDonald reported that the Licensing Staff has been receiving an increasing number of applications relating to telemedicine. Bruce McIntyre provided the legal history behind telemedicine. Dr. Fine suggested that a group of Board members meet to discuss telemedicine in RI – the pros and cons of said practice. The following Board members volunteered to meet: Dr. Cooper, Helen Drew, Dr. L'Europa, and Dr. Nestor.

- **Establishment of Board metrics** – Dr. McDonald discussed the measures being taken by Staff to record and monitor metrics of Board activities, both licensing and discipline activities.

6. There being no further business, Dr. Cronin made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mrs. Coughlin seconded the motion; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the R.I.G.L.

7. 10:30 a.m. – back in Open session

Dr. Fine recognized the departing Board members and presented them with certificates from DOH and the Governor's Office, which acknowledged their dedication and hard work on the Board. The Board members recognized were Dr. Cronin, Mrs. Coughlin, Dr. Iacobucci, and Dr. Kessimian. Dr. Dinwoodie and Dr. Breslin were also recognized; however, were not present to receive their certificates. The certificates will be mailed to them.

There being to further business, Dr. Cronin made a motion to adjourn.

Dr. Kessimian seconded the motion; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.